

CASCA -- Annual report for Award Committee, 2008-2009.

Committee Members:

Hugo Martel (Chair)	(2006-09)	Université Laval
Luc Simard	(2006-09)	HIA / NRC
Gretchen Harris	(2007-10)	University of Waterloo
Kim Venn	(2007-10)	University of Victoria

1) Two committee members (Martel & Simard) need to be replaced.

The committee does not have any specific candidates to recommend. Preference should be given to bilingual candidates.

Any of the continuing members could be the next Chair.

2) Petrie Prize.

The committee received 4 nominations for the Petrie Prize.

The Prize was offered to Dr. Scott Tremaine, of Princeton University, who accepted.

3) Peter G. Martin Award.

The committee received 5 nominations for the Peter G. Martin .

Award. The Award was offered to Dr. René Doyon, of Université de Montréal, who accepted.

4) Plaskett Medal.

The following rules were adopted for the selection of the

Plaskett Medal. These rules have been used for the past

3 years.

a) There is a limit of one candidate per institution.

b) With N candidates, each committee member has a

total of N points to give out to the candidates, with a maximum of 3 points per candidate.

c) In case of an institutional conflict between a candidate and a committee member, that committee member cannot give points to this particular candidate, and has N-1 points to distribute among the other candidates.

d) The final score of a candidate with a conflict will be multiplied by 4/3, to correct for the fact that this candidate can receive points from only 3 of the 4 committee members.

The committee received 4 nominations, from University of British Columbia, McMaster University, Université de Montréal, and Saint Mary's University. The Prize was awarded to Dr.

Catherine Lovekin, of Saint Mary's University. Dr. Lovekin worked under the supervision of Professor Robert Deupree.

The title of her PhD. Thesis was:

"Non-Radial Oscillations in Rotation Intermediate Mass Stars"

#### 5) Other Matters:

The Chair recommends changes to the instructions appearing on the CASCA web site. The period of eligibility for the Plaskett medal could be clarified. The period is 2 years following the obtention of the PhD. But does "obtention of the PhD" means the final defense, the final revisions, or the official graduation date that could be 3 months later?

Dr. Hugo Martel

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Chair